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**In re Application of**

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## **AMENDMENT**

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SIR:

In connection with the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2006. An RCE is enclosed herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.